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## Chadwick International in Songdo opens High School program

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Chadwick International, located in New Songdo City, South Korea, will be expanding into the high school for the upcoming school year, starting with the ninth grade in 2012-13. One grade will be added over the next four years, with the first high school graduates of Chadwick International in June of 2016.

The school is now accepting applications for enrollment for the ninth grade class, and the application deadline is January 20th, 2012. Students of expatriate families and foreign passport holders are able to apply after this January deadline through a rolling admissions policy.

The high school program will deliver on the fundamental components of Chadwick School's mission: academic excellence, the development of exemplary character, and self-discovery through experience. The courses in the high school will be inquiry-based and learner-centered, with a seminar-style approach as the primary means of instruction. With a focus on creativity, design, and collaboration, the program will develop in its students a deeper conceptual understanding, natural leadership skills, sharpened habits of mind, a global perspective and an emphasis on character development in order to prepare them for success at the most challenging universities and beyond. The curriculum will focus on cross-disciplinary themes, so that students are able to connect the course material presented in different classes, such as science and art, or math and global language. Additionally, like the elementary and middle schools, the high school will have a 1:1 laptop program, and the integration of technology will enable them to develop those skills that are necessary to thrive in the 21st century.

High school students will forge their character and learn more about themselves through a program that emphasizes active participation in a wide range of activities. Students will participate in a truly unique outdoor educational program, exploring the natural world around them by going on small-group adventures and associated wilderness activities. Students are pushed to challenge themselves in this environment and to solve problems effectively by themselves and in group settings. Service learning will be an important component of the high school program, encouraging students to focus on involvement in the broader community and a life dedicated to helping others. Students will also



learn more about themselves through active participation in athletics, performing arts, and through the school's affiliation with Round Square, an international consortium of roughly 90 schools that will facilitate student exchanges and other involvement with a global community.

Jeff Mercer, the headmaster of Chadwick International said, "We at Chadwick International could not be more excited to open its high school in the fall of 2012. The high school program will include the best of what we have been doing on our campus in Palos Verdes, California for the past 76 years, and yet it will have a distinct flavor as an international school in the vibrant and forward-thinking city of Songdo. We cannot wait to see our students on both campuses collaborating through the Cisco telepresence, learning about each other and eastern and western ways of thinking. This is a great moment in time for Chadwick School!"

Chadwick School in Palos Verdes, California is a world-renowned independent school that has been educating outstanding students for over 75 years. Chadwick School is world-renowned for its academic and co-curricular programs, producing self-confident individuals of exemplary character who are well-prepared for the most selective colleges and universities and for lives of leadership, service, and active engagement in their communities.

For more information about the High School program, please visit the school's homepage (www.chadwickinternational.org/page.cfm?p=3158) or call the Admissions Department (032-250-5030~2)